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The Honorable Thomas S. Gordon  
U. S. House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gordon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 24  
January 1949 enclosing some material from your constituent,  
[redacted] regarding subversive action in Chicago.

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The Central Intelligence Agency is charged with the  
coordination of the foreign intelligence activities of the  
United States. The original material which you handed to  
Mr. Pforzheimer, and which I acknowledged under date of  
7 January, insofar as it dealt with [redacted] activities  
and knowledge in certain countries abroad, was extremely  
welcome. However, Public Law 253 of the 80th Congress,  
which established the Central Intelligence Agency, specific-  
ally excludes us from activities of a police or internal  
security nature. This type of work comes exclusively under  
the jurisdiction of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
I am very sorry that my letter of 7 January did not draw  
this distinction more clearly.

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I have had translated the material which you forwarded  
to me under date of 24 January, and find that it deals ex-  
clusively with internal security matters, and therefore  
should be brought to the attention of the FBI. If I have  
your permission, I will send the original and our transla-  
tion to the Director of the FBI for his action.

May I again express my appreciation for your interest  
in our work, and repeat that we would be most happy to have  
any material which may come to your attention regarding  
foreign countries and areas, but we are precluded by law  
from handling material of an internal security nature.

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Sincerely yours,

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R. H. HILLENKOTTER  
Rear Admiral, USN  
Director of Central Intelligence

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

January 24, 1949

Rear Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Admiral Hillenkoetter:

Adverting to the information I handed to Mr. Pforzheimer, and noting your desire to receive any other pertinent facts regarding subversive action in this country from your acknowledgment dated January 7th, I inclose another communication I have received from [redacted]

I am sure you have translators who can transcribe his report, for from what I read it contains much agitation against our form of Government and urges a stand with the USSR, and blames the U.S. for adopting Hitler's policies.

[redacted] is a reliable fellow and his knowledge of the way communistic doctrines are trying to be foisted on the American people, I believe would be a valuable agent in your Organization. May I suggest that you call him in and interview him personally?

With kind personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Thomas S. Gordon

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